

Education Specialist (Ed.S.) in Educational Leadership (40 semester hours)

The Education Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership is designed to meet the needs of the educational professionals seeking either a higher level of licensure in school administration or an entry-level licensure in school administration that builds on an existing AA licensure in another area of professional education.

Admission, Maintenance and Graduation Requirements

To be eligible for admission to the Education Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership a candidate:

1. Must hold a valid Class "AA" Educator's License issued by a state department of education. The license must be in an area of professional education. A photocopy of the valid license is required.
2. Must meet all general requirements for admission to the graduate school at Mississippi College.
3. Must have a 3.25 grade point average on all prior graduate work.
4. Must supply 3 letters of recommendation from persons familiar with applicant's character, scholarship, and potential for successful completion of the program.
5. Prepare a portfolio showing writing sample, letter of communication, and examples of leadership experience (in or out of state school).
6. Must provide proof of three years of teaching experience.
7. Must schedule an entrance interview with the program advisor.
8. Must have and maintain a 3.25 on all work in Ed.S. program.
9. Must defend a research-based project completed during the Ed.S. program as an exit requirement. Candidates must have a 3.25 grade point average on course work completed at Mississippi College in order to be eligible to defend their research based project.

Transfer Credit

Transfer credit of six semester hours taken since being awarded an advanced degree may be accepted upon recommendation by the candidate's advisor and approval of the Dean of the Graduate School. ***Transfer credit must be earned at the education specialist level, or above.***

Admission to Candidacy

Candidacy will be granted when the student has completed twelve semester hours of course work with a 3.25 GPA or higher in the Ed. S. degree program.

Time Limit

All work for the degree must be completed within a period not to exceed six years.

Licensure Assessment

Graduates of the Ed.S. in Educational Leadership must pass the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) before they can obtain a Class "AAA" Educator's License in Administration.